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### THE A. L. A. AT STATE CONFERENCES

Four or five years ago the American library association instituted the practice of having an officer or an officially appointed delegate represent the association at the various state library association meetings. This delegate generally is requested to speak on some pertinent phase of library activity, by no means limiting the remarks to the field or activity of the American library association, but these visits have more or less directly been the means of emphasizing the work of the A. L. A., placing it before the attention of librarians and letting them know of the service in various lines which the national association stands ready to offer. In addition to the address which has appeared on the program the A. L. A. speaker generally has taken more or less part in the informal discussions of the conference, and in those cases where the Secretary of the association has been the representative, a brief statement of the work and needs of the association has generally been presented. As the A. L. A. at present has unfortunately too small a budget to meet the travel expenses of these speakers, the state associations have in most cases done this, often out of a nearly depleted treasury. One western state containing only a handful of librarians in correspond-

ence with the executive office has expressed a willingness to meet the necessary travel expenses of a speaker up to the sum of one hundred dollars if necessary, which evidences that the service performed by these representatives has been believed to be of considerable assistance and value. The A. L. A. has been represented by an officer or an officially appointed delegate at twelve state meetings this fall, at the inauguration of a university president, and the Secretary has spoken to several library schools and represented the association on several other occasions.

The joint conference of Michigan and Ohio at Cedar Point, Ohio, Sept. 2-8, was attended by Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, president of the American library association, who delivered an address on "Joy Reading," and by Secretary Utley, who spoke informally on the work of the A. L. A. The New York state meeting in New York City, Sept. 25-30, was also attended by both the President and the Secretary, Mrs. Elmendorf giving her address on "Joy Reading," and Secretary Utley speaking on "What the American Library Association Stands For."

Mr. J. I. Wyer, Jr. represented the A. L. A. at the state meetings of Iowa, at Mason City, Oct. 10-12; of Illinois, at Joliet, Oct.